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**MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT** (Month of May, 1980)

The total number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters continued to grow during the last thirty days, registering an increase of three land crews and three vessels since April. The Society of Exploration Geophysicists which conducts the monthly survey reported today the May total was 502, up from 496 last month. May marks the first time the total has risen above the 500 figure since late 1957.

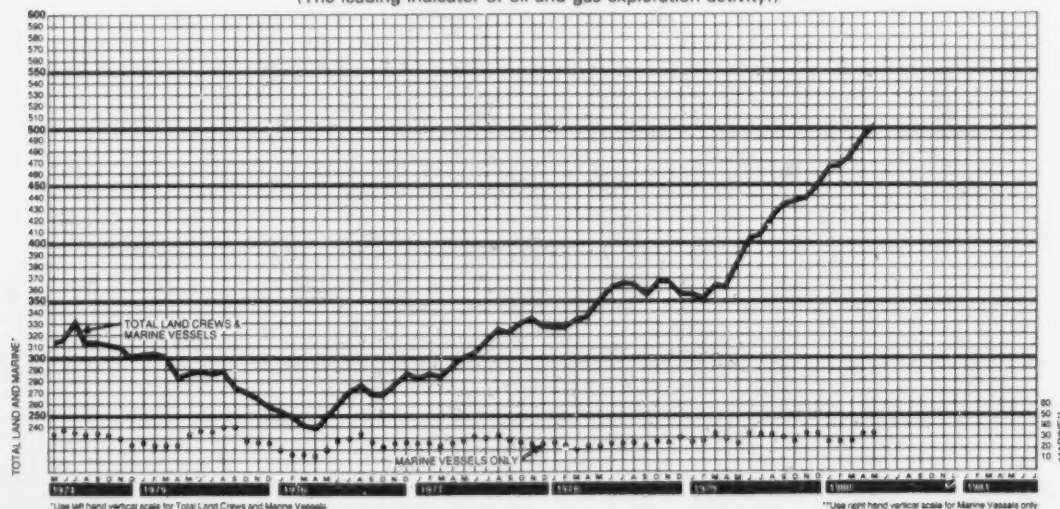
The May total (502) represents an increase of 1% over last month, a 31% increase over May, 1979, a 43% increase over May, 1978, a 67% increase over May, 1977, a 103% increase over May, 1976, a 76% increase over May, 1975 and a gain of 60% over the same month in 1974.

During May, five contractors were operating six of their 429 land crews and none of their twenty-eight vessels on a speculative basis.

| their twenty-eight vessels on a speculative basis: |  |            |            |         |         |         |         |         |         |            |            |         |         |                |         |         |         |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------|--|------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:                         |  | This Month | Last Month | May '79 | May '78 | May '77 | May '76 | May '75 | May '74 |            |            |         |         |                |         |         |         |  |  |  |  |
|                                                    |  | 502        | 496        | 383     | 351     | 301     | 247     | 286     | 313     |            |            |         |         |                |         |         |         |  |  |  |  |
|                                                    |  |            |            |         |         |         |         |         |         | LAND CREWS |            |         |         | MARINE VESSELS |         |         |         |  |  |  |  |
|                                                    |  | This Month | Last Month | May '79 | May '78 | May '77 | May '76 | May '75 | May '74 | This Month | Last Month | May '79 | May '78 | May '77        | May '76 | May '75 | May '74 |  |  |  |  |
| 71 Contr's:                                        |  | 429        | 426        | 317     | 294     | 238     | 190     | 214     | 238     | 28         | 25         | 21      | 15      | 23             | 16      | 27      | 30      |  |  |  |  |
| 10 Oil Co's:                                       |  | 39         | 39         | 38      | 36      | 34      | 36      | 40      | 40      | 6          | 6          | 6       | 5       | 5              | 5       | 5       | 5       |  |  |  |  |
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| Totals:                                            |  | 468        | 465        | 355     | 330     | 272     | 226     | 254     | 278     | 34         | 31         | 28      | 21      | 29             | 21      | 32      | 35      |  |  |  |  |

### SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



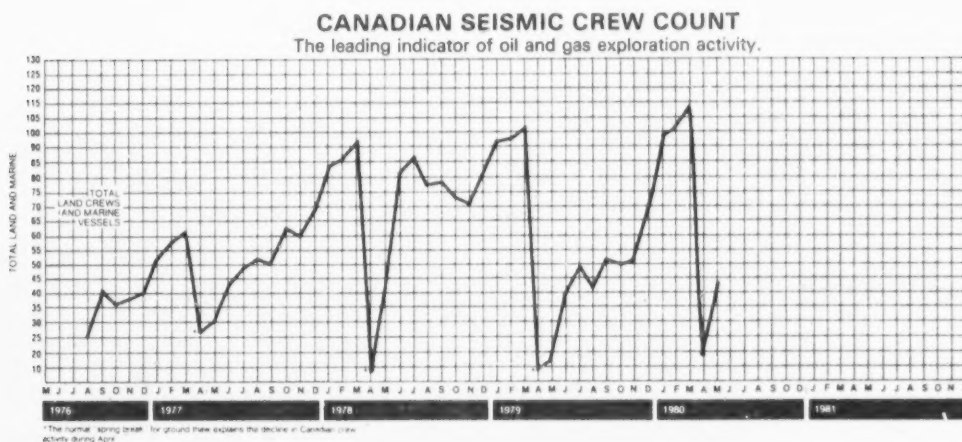
\* Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

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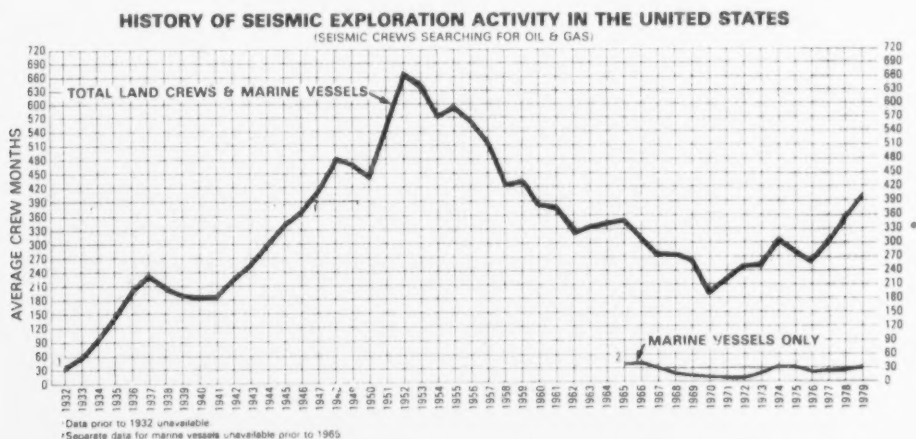
CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

May, 1980 (April figures in parentheses)

|                  | Land Crews | Marine Vessels |
|------------------|------------|----------------|
| 23 Contractors:  | 39 ( 15)   | 2 (0)          |
| 3 Oil Companies: | 3 ( 3)     | 0 (0)          |
| Totals:          | 42 ( 18)   | 2 (0)          |



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.



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